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(U) On January 9, we delivered reftel demarche to Albert Sitnikov, Counselor in the MFA International Organizations office. On January 11, Sitnikov replied that Russia's preferred candidate for the post is former Turkish FM Hikmet Cetin. The GOR is impressed with Cetin's success during his tenure as the NATO Senior Civilian Representative to Afghanistan from November 2003 to August 2006. Sitnikov also argued that, because Cetin is Muslim, he is more acceptable to the Afghan people than Lord Ashdown.
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